## Narrandera Child, Youth and Family Services



MISSION AUSTRALIA together we stand

#### **About Mission Australia**

Mission Australia is a Christian community service organisation that has been helping people regain their independence for over 150 years.

Alongside our partners, we help people through early learning and youth services, family support and homelessness initiatives, employment and skills development, and affordable housing.

Together we stand with Australians in need, until they can stand for themselves.

# Our commitment to families and children

Mission Australia believes all Australian children should experience a safe, healthy and happy childhood. We recognise that some families find it difficult to provide a stable and nurturing environment in which children can thrive and build strong foundations for life.

To overcome these challenges, we work with the existing strengths of children, their families and communities to ensure children have every opportunity to succeed.

First, we seek to understand the situation, then we help people to implement ways to overcome their immediate challenges and build resilience for the future.

#### **About our services**

Our free and confidential services are available to families experiencing difficulties that may be impacting on their daily lives and ability to plan for the future.

A child and family support worker will meet with you to discuss what is working well for you and your family and what you are finding difficult.

You can talk about the support you currently have and what problems you would like to tackle.

Together we can create a plan for the services and support that are right for you and your family.

Mission Australia's Narrandera Child, Youth and Family Services have a clear focus on strengthening and supporting all family members through:

- Advice and referral
- **✓** Advocacy
- **✓** Parenting support
- **✓** Referrals to other services
- Case management
- **✓** Home visits
- **✓** Support groups

## Who is eligible?

Support is available to families with children aged from birth to 12, and those expecting a child, who may be experiencing:

Domestic violence

Drug and alcohol problems

Mental health issues

Lack of family or social support

Parental learning difficulties

A need for support with parenting

Support is also offered to young people aged from 12 to 18 and their families.

#### We aim to ensure children

- Receive a safe and healthy start to life.
- Develop well and are prepared for school.
- Meet developmental and educational milestones.
- Live in families able to meet their physical, emotional and social needs.
- Are safe from harm and injury.
- And their families can access appropriate services if needed.

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### Families in need of our support can:

- contact us directly
- be referred by a Family & Community Services case worker
- be put in contact with us via their workplace, school, friends and family members
- be referred to us by other agencies.

Narrandera Child, Youth and Family Services supports people living in Narrandera, Leeton and Griffith and the surrounding Local Government Area.



